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1/24/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20170124.docx))

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3/29/2017 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20170329.docx))

3/30/2017 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). McCravy ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20170330.docx))

4/4/2017 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Gagnon, Atwater, Willis, West, Huggins, Long, Pitts, Hiott, Brown, Hart, Magnuson, Chumley, Crosby ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20170404.docx))

4/4/2017 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 4‑5‑17 ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\hj\20170404.docx))

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4/19/2017 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20170419.docx))

4/19/2017 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20170419.docx))

4/19/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑74 Nays‑17 ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\hj\20170419.docx))

4/24/2017 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20170424.docx))

4/25/2017 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20170425.docx))

4/25/2017 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20170425.docx))

2/1/2018 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Shealy (ch), Hutto, Senn

4/18/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20180418.docx))

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4/25/2018 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

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5/8/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑33 Nays‑9 ([Senate Journal‑page 44](file:///h:\sj\20180508.docx))

5/9/2018 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj\20180509.docx))

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5/23/2018 Ratified R 282

5/25/2018 Signed By Governor

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(A252, R282, H3549)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A PERMIT ISSUED FOR ON‑PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN PROXIMITY TO A CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR PLAYGROUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED IF THE DECISION‑MAKING BODY OF THE CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR PLAYGROUND AFFIRMATIVELY STATES THAT IT DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE AND TO ALLOW THE DECISION‑MAKING BODY OF A SCHOOL TO WITHDRAW ITS STATEMENT DURING THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR THE LICENSE.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**School defined**

SECTION 1. Section 61‑6‑120(A)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) ‘school’, an establishment, other than a private dwelling, where the usual processes of education are usually conducted; and”

**Alcohol license proximity ban exception**

SECTION 2. Section 61‑6‑120(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(C)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), the department may issue a license so long as any church, school, or playground located within the parameters affirmatively states that it does not object to the issuance of a license. This subsection only applies to a permit for on‑premises consumption of alcoholic liquor.

(2)(a) Any applicant seeking to utilize the provisions of this subsection must provide a statement declaring the church, playground, or school does not object to the issuance of the specific license sought, as follows:

(i) if a church, from the decision‑making body of the local church;

(ii) if a playground, from the decision‑making body of the owner of the playground;

(iii) if a school, from the local school district board of trustees of the local public school, governing board of the charter school, or governing authority of the private school.

(b) If more than one church, school, or playground is located within the parameters set forth in subsection (A), the applicant must provide the statement from all churches, schools, or playgrounds.

(c) At the time of any renewal period for the specific license, a school, from the local school district board of trustees of the local public school, governing board of the charter school, or governing authority of the private school, may withdraw its statement declaring it does not object to the issuance of the specific license sought by notifying the department of its withdrawal.

(3) The department may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 23rd day of May, 2018.

Approved the 25th day of May, 2018.

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